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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED GAO STUDY OF US-INDONESIAN ENERGY RELATIONS AND IS PREPARED COOPERATE FULLY WITH GAO TEAM DURING ITS VISIT TO INDONESIA.
2. DEPARTMENT HAS CORRECTLY POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF SCHEDULING VISIT SOMETIME AFTER PENDING INDONESIAN ELECTIONS. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER TIMING CONSIDERATIONS. BECAUSE LITTLE BUSINESS IS BEING CONDUCTED BY GOI ENERGY OFFICIALS AND PERTAMINA UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS, SENIOR PERSONNEL WILL BE BUSY IN APRIL AND MAY. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ENERGY FIELD, INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON PAC/INDO CONTRACTS ARE NOW BEING SCHEDULED FOR THOSE MONTHS.
3. IN EVALUATING BEST TIME FOR GAO VISIT, PROPOSED LENGTH OF TEAM'S STAY IS IMPORTANT. A SHORT VISIT OF WEEK OR LESS WITH INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS COULD PROBABLY GO WELL IN LATE APRIL OR MAY. A LONGER VISIT THAT ENVISAGES REPEAT

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APPOINTMENTS MIGHT BE BETTER POSTPONED UNTIL LATER.

4. WE HAVE NOT YET SOUGHT GOI AND PERTAMINA APPROVAL FOR THE VISIT, BUT ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM. WHEN WE DO DISCUSS THIS WITH GOI, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DETAILED ISSUES AND QUESTIONS GAO PLANS RAISE WITH INDONESIANS, ESPECIALLY IF INTENT IS FOR LENGTHY VISIT INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT GOI

COOPERATION.

5. GOI MAY HAVE TIMING PRIORITIES OF ITS OWN AND IN THIS REGARD GOI WILL CERTAINLY WISH KNOW ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF STUDY. IT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR US IN COORDINATING WITH GOI TO KNOW WHICH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR COMMITTEE HAVE REQUESTED STUDY AND WHETHER IT RELATES TO PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION THAT MIGHT AFFECT INDONESIA.
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